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NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY WE-TIP FLYER / MAGNET DISTRIBUTION

Riverside, California – On February 23, 2012, Lareanz Simmons, a 14 year old Poly High School freshman, was shot and killed by an unidentified suspect just outside his home in Riverside's Eastside community. Lareanz had no gang affiliation and was a popular, caring kid who gave back to his community through his work with the Junior ROTC program. His death was solved with several arrests made in February 2015. The Riverside Police Department had the assistance of the community with tips that led to the arrests.

The Riverside Police Department's Homicide Unit has been investigating other unsolved homicides on the Eastside. This Saturday, on February 28, 2015, in partnership with We-Tip, Eastside Think Tank, and Victory Outreach Ministries, volunteers will be passing out We-Tip information to residents on the Eastside. The intent is for residents to be aware that **We-Tip is another anonymous option** to report any type of criminal information to the police department. Additionally, it is desired to have We-Tip receive new information for other unsolved homicides. Volunteers from Victory Outreach Ministries will have a briefing at 9 AM, in the parking lot at Bobby Bonds Park at University Ave and Dwight Ave. The volunteers will walk into nearby neighborhoods for several hours distributing We-Tip fliers and magnets.

WHEN: Saturday, February 28, 2015 starting at 09:00 AM

(Media should arrive by 08:45 AM)

WHERE: Bobby Bonds Park – 2060 University Ave. (parking lot off Dwight St.)
Riverside, CA 92507

WHAT: Neighborhood Community We-Tip Flyer / Magnet Distribution

